

ENTERIC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

At least one of a plurality of gastrointestinal disorders is treated by stimulating an
5 enteric nervous system of a patient to enhance a functional tone of the enteric nervous
system. A treatment includes electrically stimulating a vagus nerve of the patient at a
stimulation site proximal to at least one site of vagal innervation of a gastrointestinal
organ. The electrical stimulation includes applying a stimulation signal at the stimulation
site. An optional proximal electrical blocking signal is applied to the vagus nerve at a
10 proximal blocking site proximal to the stimulation site. The proximal blocking signal is
selected to at least partially block nerve impulses at the proximal blocking site.